

HB1609



96TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

55 ILCS 5/3-4000

from Ch. 34, par. 3-4000

Amends the Counties Code. Makes a technical change in a Section concerning the need for an effective county public defender system.

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A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning local government.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Counties Code is amended by changing Section
5 3-4000 as follows:

6 (55 ILCS 5/3-4000) (from Ch. 34, par. 3-4000)

7 Sec. 3-4000. Legislative declaration. The ~~The~~ General
8 Assembly recognizes that quality legal representation in
9 criminal and related proceedings is a fundamental right of the
10 people of the State of Illinois and that there should be no
11 distinction in the availability of quality legal
12 representation based upon a person's inability to pay.
13 Therefore, it is the intent of the General Assembly to provide
14 for effective county public defender systems throughout the
15 State and encourage the active and substantial participation of
16 the private bar in the representation of indigent defendants.

17 (Source: P.A. 87-111.)